



Literally Speaking...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

April 2004

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

Special events at both libraries April 18–24

April 18–24 is National Library Week, and the Library is ready to celebrate! Throughout the week, the Yorktown and Tabb libraries will host a variety of programs that will entertain young and old. All the events will be free and open to the public, and all of our patrons are invited to join in the fun!

The goal of National Library Week is to highlight the wealth of information available at public libraries across the United States. Besides being the perfect place to find a good book to read, the Library is fully stocked with every information resource imaginable, from books and magazines to CD-ROM databases and access to the Internet. The Library is a one-stop shop for anyone who needs to be "in the know."

Singer/songwriter **Steve Keith** kicks off the festivities at the Tabb Library on Sunday, April 18 at 3 PM. Mr. Keith's repertoire of bluegrass, Irish folk, country, and original compositions is sure to have the audience clapping, dancing, and singing along.

Genealogist Doris Fountain will offer an **Antiques Preservation** class at the Tabb Library on Monday, April 19 at 7:30 PM. Anything from an oil lamp to a leaf from a backyard tree can be preserved as an heirloom—Join us for tips on keeping your memories alive!

The staff of **Jeff's Flowers Of Course!** will present a flower arranging class on Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 PM at the Yorktown Library. Create your own floral

arrangement to take home or give as a gift! A \$15 supply fee will be collected at the door. Call 890-5207 to register!

Home Depot invites kids to **Build Your Own Birdhouse** on Thursday, April 22 at 4 PM at the Tabb Library. Children aged 8-12 can put together their own wooden birdhouse to take home! Seating is limited to 25 children; call 890-5110 to register.

Lecturer Edie Head presents a look into **The Works of J.R.R. Tolkien** on Saturday, April 24 at 12 PM at the Tabb Library. Learn about the life of the author of the *Lord of the Rings* books, and take an in-depth look at the spirituality in Tolkien's characters.

Come join us and celebrate **YOUR** public library!

National Library Week Facts

Key Findings from a September 2003 survey conducted by Online Computer Library Center (OCLC):

- ❖ Libraries circulate more items every day than FedEx ships packages (5.4 million vs. 5.3 million items).
- ❖ U.S. public library cardholders outnumber Amazon customers by 5 to 1.
- ❖ Libraries record more than 1.1 billion visits each year, compared with 204 million sports tickets sold in a year.
- ❖ One out of every six people in the world are registered library users.
- ❖ Libraries return more benefits to its users for each \$1 in annual local taxes.

According to the American Library Association's 2002 National Library Week Studies, public library usage went up when the economy went down, and 91 percent of adults believe public libraries will play an important role in the future, despite all of the information available on the Internet.

Everyday the York County Public Library strives to play an important role in the lives of our citizens through our services, facilities and staff. If you know someone who hasn't been to the library lately, please bring him or her in for a visit. *We would love for them to look at us now!!*

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YORK COUNTY
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Friends of the Library book sale April 30, May 1 & 2 at Yorktown

The Friends of the York County Public Library will hold their spring book sale on Saturday, May 1 from 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, May 2 from 1 PM to 5 PM in the Yorktown Library meeting room. Come browse through a huge selection of used books—there's bound to be one that's right for you! Buy a book and help the Friends support your local library!

Members of the Friends can attend the special Friends-only sale on Friday, April 30 from 3 PM to 8 PM. If you aren't a member, you can join at the door!

If you miss out on the sale, don't panic! The Friends Room at the Tabb Library and the Friends Shelf at the Yorktown Library are always stocked with a great selection of used books—if you like one, you can pay for it at the Circulation desk!

The Friends of the York County

E-mail notification now available

Tired of missed phone calls from the Library about reserved or overdue items? Now you can receive messages from the Library via e-mail!

To activate your email notification, contact the Circulation desk of your library and let us know that e-mail is your preferred method of correspondence. For the Yorktown library, call 890-5209. For the Tabb library, call 890-5130.

You may also send an e-mail to library_services@yorkcounty.gov. In your message please include your full name, your address, phone number and email address.

Check out our website at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library> to see all the services we offer online!

Public Library are a non-profit service organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of library services in York County. Each year, the Friends contribute thousands of dollars to support book and equipment purchases, Library events, staff development, and the annual Summer Reading Program. In addition, the Friends promote the Library in the community through volunteer recruitment, community involvement, and public awareness programs. The Friends have been active for over twenty years and are a vital part of the Library community. If you are interested in joining, ask for more information at the Circulation desk, or look for information in the Tabb Friends Room or the Yorktown Friends Shelf. The Friends are always looking for new members. Join today!

Display your collection at Yorktown!

The Yorktown Library is seeking your collectibles! Do you have a fun, fascinating, or educational collection of objects that you would like to share with the patrons of the Yorktown Library? We have a glass-front, enclosed and locked case that needs to be filled each month with interesting items. In the past we have displayed small quilts, pottery, dolls, teapots, model cars, spoons, keychains, bells, mugs, stuffed animals and Beanie Babies. All ages enjoy looking and learning about people's hobbies. If you are interested in displaying your collection, please contact Norma Colton at the Yorktown Library at 890-3378.

Socrates Cafe
Tuesday, April 20
7:00 PM – Tabb

Book Club
Cold Mountain
by Charles Frazier
Tuesday, April 20
10:00 AM – Yorktown

AARP Tax-Aide through April 14

The AARP will conduct its Tax-Aide program through April 10 at the Tabb Library and through April 14 at the Yorktown Library. The program is available to all middle-income and low-income taxpayers, with special priority given to those aged 60 or older.

If you are interested, bring a copy of your previous year's tax return and all of your tax forms for the past year. Tax-Aide volunteers can file your tax returns online using the IRS's E-File system—it's free!

Come to Yorktown on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:30 PM, or to Tabb on Fridays and Saturdays from 12:00 to 4:00 PM to take advantage of this program!

Library CLOSED
Sunday, April 11
for Easter

Library CLOSED
10 AM to 12 PM
Tuesday, April 27
for Staff
Development

STORY TIMES

at Tabb

Wednesdays

11:00 AM-11:30 AM

ages 2½-3½

1:00 PM-1:30 PM

ages 3½-K

Thursdays

10:00 AM-10:30 AM

ages 3½-K

11:00 AM-11:30 AM

ages 2½-3½

Fridays

10:15 AM-10:45 AM

DROP-IN!

at Yorktown

Wednesdays

10:00 AM-10:30 AM

ages 2½-3½

10:45 AM-11:15 AM

ages 3½-K

**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED FOR
ALL STORY TIMES
EXCEPT DROP-IN!**

**Call Tabb (890-5110)
or Yorktown (890-3236)
for more information!**

Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales registration begins April 19

Registration for Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales will begin Monday, April 19 at 10:00 AM.

Tiny Tales introduces children aged 6 to 14 months to the joys of reading and learning. Children and parents or caregivers can sing and clap along to rhymes and fun songs.

Toddler Tales is for children ages 15 to 30 months. The group will sing songs, ring bells, play with puppets—in general, have a good

time! The session gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to spend quality time enjoying a book with their child.

Tiny Tales will be held Tuesdays from April 27 through May 18 from 11:00 to 11:30 AM. Toddler Tales will be held Tuesdays at 10:15 AM, Wednesdays at 10:15 and 11:00 AM, and Thursdays at 10:15 AM from April 28 through May 20. All sessions are at the Tabb Library. Call 890-5110 to register!

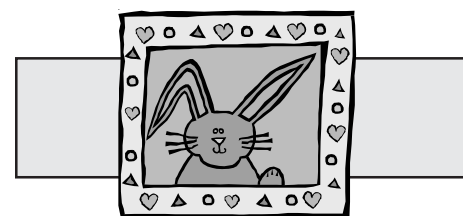
Story Time registration begins April 20

Registration for the spring sessions of Story Times will begin Tuesday, April 20 at 10:00 AM. Our Story Times, for children aged 2 to 5, are filled with fun stories, songs, and special activities that will foster a love of reading in children. Each session has a new theme and new stories to tell! Join us for stories, songs, and fun about kittens, mothers, farm animals, and mud.

Call Tabb at 890-5110 or Yorktown at 890-3236 to register your child for Story Time.

Bunny Story Time April 21 at Tabb

A special bunny story time will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at 10:00 AM in the Tabb Library meeting room. Listen to books about bunnies read by veterinarian Dr. Bonnie Brown, and then meet Belle, a lop-eared rabbit. No registration is required. Call 890-5110 for details.



Reading is a *TREAT* during National Library Week!

Check out a book between April 19 and 23 and pick a lollipop off our treat tree!

Fifty "lucky" lollipops will be marked with red. If you choose a winner, bring your lollipop to the Children's desk to claim your prize!

Lollipop trees will be at the Circulation Desks at the Tabb and York locations.

Holloman Elementary Academy wins 2004 regional Battle of the Books

Congratulations to Holloman Elementary Academy! The team won the York County Battle of the Books competition for grades 4-5 and continued on to win the Regional Finals in Williamsburg. The Holloman team members, coached by Jan Holloman, were Jacob DeWeerd, Rachel Webb, Lauren Schaefer, Lakyn Frye, and Alexis Pieper.

Second place in the County competition went to Mount Vernon Elementary and third place to Yorktown Elementary. All participants were winners! They read great books and had fun, too.

Yorktown Middle School was unopposed at the County level and represented York County at the Regional competition in Williamsburg. Congratulations to the Yorktown Middle School team: Nicholas DeWeerd, Heather Blount, Chris Cable, Blake Howell, Alexis Hayes and Annise Blanchard!

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APRIL 2004 Calendar of Events at the York County Public Library				1	2	3
				8	FOOD FOR FINES! Bring in canned or non-perishable food items during National Library Week , and we'll deduct your overdue fees! We will subtract one fee from your account for each item you bring in. All food will be donated to the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula and other local charities!	
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4	5	6	7			
11 LIBRARY CLOSED for Easter Sunday	12	13	14			
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 18-24, 2004						
18 <i>A Concert by STEVE KEITH</i> 3:00 PM-Tabb	19 TINY TALES & TODDLER TALES REGISTRATION begins at 10:00 AM ANTIQUES SEMINAR 7:30 PM-Tabb	20 STORY TIME REGISTRATION begins at 10:00 AM BOOK CLUB <i>Cold Mountain</i> 10:00 AM-Yorktown FLOWER ARRANGING SEMINAR 6:30 PM-Yorktown SOCRATES CAFE 7:00 PM-Tabb	21 BUNNY STORY TIME 10:00 AM-Tabb	22 HOW TO BUILD A BIRDHOUSE <i>FOR KIDS!</i> <i>Presented by Home Depot</i> 4:00 PM-Tabb	23	24 THE SPIRITUALITY OF TOLKIEN 12:00 PM-Tabb
25	26	27 LIBRARY OPENS AT 12:00 PM for Staff Development	28	29	30 DROP-IN STORY TIME 10:15 AM-Tabb	

Talk to us!

We're always happy to hear from our patrons. If you have a suggestion or comment you'd like to make to the Library, place a note in the Suggestion Box at either library or use the form on the Library website. This is *your* library—let us know what you think of it!



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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Thursday	10 AM-9 PM
Friday	10 AM-6 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM
Sunday	1 PM-5 PM

Visit the Library's website
<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library/>

Enjoy story time at home...FREE!
DIAL-A-STORY 890-5111

Tabb Library

100 Long Green Boulevard
Yorktown, VA 23693
(at Hampton Hwy. & Long Green Blvd.)

Library Information	890-5100
Administration	890-5105
Circulation Desk	890-5130
Reference Desk	890-5120
Children's Desk	890-5110

Yorktown Library

8500 George Washington Memorial Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692
(at US Rt. 17 & Battle Rd.)

Library Information	890-3377
Circulation Desk	890-5209
Reference Desk	890-5207
Children's Desk	890-3236